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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 87735

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH CIT KALOMBO KABUNDI, CHIEF OF THE AVIATION AGREEMENTS DIVISION OF THE ZAIRIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON APR 12. KALOMBO EXPLAINED THAT ZAIRE BELIEVES THE ROUTE SCHEDULE ANNEXED TO THE CIVIL AVIATION BILATERAL IS TOO VAGUE AND WISHES TO NEGOTIATE A NEW, MORE PRECISE ROUTE SCHEDULE. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED WHAT ZAIRE BELIEVES TO BE A PROLIFERATION OF PANAM FLIGHTS ON THE KINSHASA-NAIROBI-KINSHASA LEG OF THE ROUTE.

2. ZAIRE REQUESTED BILATERAL TALKS ON THIS SAME ISSUE IN 1975. HOWEVER, WHEN PANAM STOPPED ITS SERVICE TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM KINSHASA, THE MATTER WAS DROPPED AND TALKS NEVER TOOK PLACE.

3. IT APPEARS THAT THE ZAIRIAN REQUEST HAS BEEN GENERATED SOLELY BY AIR ZAIRE'S CONCERN OVER COMPETITION ON THE LUCRATIVE NAIROBI ROUTE. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR LOCAL PANAM REP BELIEVE ZAIRE INTENDS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF PANAM'S SERVICE.

4. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED A NOTE VERBALE ON APR 10 REQUESTING THE US GOVT TO ARRANGE A MEETING ON MAY 25 BETWEEN OUR TWO CIVIL
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AVIATION AUTHORITIES. CIT KALOMBO SAID THAT AN EARLY REPLY FROM THE USG WOULD BE APPRECIATE SINCE THE ZAIRIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM HAS SIMILAR MEETINGS TO ARRANGE IN TWO OTHER COUNTRIES EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON.
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